

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masaaki HIRANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 3238
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Application No.: 10/750,864	:	Group Art Unit: 1791
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Filed: January 05, 2004	:	Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan
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For:		METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.